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Wed 0500 WRMI 9955  
Wed 1530 WRMI 9955  
Wed 1900 WBCQ 7415  
Thu 0530 WRMI 9955  
Thu 1900 WBCQ 7415  
Fri 0000 WBCQ 5110-CUSB Area 51  
Fri 0100 WRMI 9955  
Fri 1130 WRMI 9955  
Fri 1430 WRMI 9955 [NEW]  
Fri 1900 WBCQ 7415  
Fri 2030 WWCR1 15825 [or 2028:30]  
Sat 0800 WRMI 9955  
Sat 0800 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 9510 [except first Sat]  
Sat 1630 WWCR3 12160  
Sun 0230 WWCR3 5070  
Sun 0630 WWCR1 3215  
Sun 0800 WRMI 9955  
Sun 1515 WRMI 9955 [resumed]  
Mon 0500 WRMI 9955  
Mon 2200 WBCQ 7415  
Tue 1100 WRMI 9955  
Tue 1530 WRMI 9955  
Tue 1900 WBCQ 7415  
Wed 0500 WRMI 9955 [or new 1474 starting here?]  
Wed 1530 WRMI 9955  
Wed 1900 WBCQ 7415

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\*\* AFGHANISTAN. TALIBAN LAUNCH NEW PROPAGANDA MOUTHPIECE IN SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN

Taliban insurgents fighting Afghan and international troops based in Afghanistan have established their propaganda mouthpiece in the southern Ghazni province, locals said. The FM transmitter [reportedly around 88 MHz], according to locals, airs programmes from 7:00pm until 9:00pm (1430-1630 UTC) local time and often broadcasts Taliban anti-government propaganda in Pashto.

This radio called itself iDa Shariat Ghag Radioî or Radio voice of Sharia (Islamic Laws) have been airing programs on Taliban anti-government activities over the past three days,î a resident of Qarabagh district Noor Mohammad told Xinhua. A local official who declined to be identified also confirmed the report, saying Taliban militants have established their propaganda radio in the province.

Da Shariat Ghag Radio was the official mouthpiece of Taliban regime before its collapse in late 2001. Taliban purported spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid told media from an undisclosed location via telephone that militants have established four radio stations in the country. (Source: Xinhua) (August 9th, 2009 - 10:16 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

\*\* AFGHANISTAN. RADIO STATION GIVES VOICE TO REMOTE AFGHAN REGION - By Army Sgt. Matthew C. Moeller Special to American Forces Press Service <http://www.defenselink.mil//news/newsarticle.aspx?id=55431>

Shaib Dad Hamdard works as a radio disc jockey in his native Nuristan province, Afghanistan, Aug. 3, 2009. The station, funded by NATOís

International Security Assistance Force, offers the people of the remote mountain area a variety of news and entertainment programs. U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Matthew C. Moeller (Click photo for screen-resolution image); high-resolution image available. [caption]

NURISTAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan, Aug. 10, 2009 — NATO's International Security Assistance Force is giving voice to residents of this remote area through a radio station run by one of their own.

When Shaib Dad Hamdard was growing up here near the Pakistan border, he dreamed of being a voice to his people. Now, with the turn of a dial and the flick of the switch, he is on air at Kalagush Radio, reaching out across the remote mountain province.

And he doesn't shy away from controversy. Today's topic: the need for women's equality. "With this," the 24-year-old station manager said, motioning to the microphone, "I can educate my people. I can provide a voice to them."

Broadcasting into areas so isolated -- many residents may only travel as far as the neighboring village in their lifetimes -- Kalagush Radio is a live existence of the [outside] world," Hamdard said.

For 12 hours a day, the Nuristani radio station offers news and entertainment programs that cater to the local people. Although the news stories are not always positive, they are honest. They offer a balanced look at issues affecting residents under the station's "don't take any sides" philosophy.

But news is only part of the station's programming. DJs offer a variety of music, history, education, religious and social commentary shows, as well. One of Kalagush Radio's most popular shows is a daily music program that allows listeners to phone in with requests, Hamdard said. The show has received a huge response, he said. "We think of the needs of the local people, and what they want," said Hamdard, remarking on the station's success.

Although ISAF funds the station, Kalagush Radio employees insist they decide what is put on the air. "Of course it is funded by the coalition forces, but I have total control over the programs," Hamdard said. "The programs are not limited to any specific groups."

ISAF forces are working with Kalagush Radio to expand its broadcast schedule to 24 hours a day. They're also planning to hire several new journalists for the station, including an Afghan woman, offering a voice for what the station's crew calls a silent majority.

(Army Sgt. Matthew C. Moeller serves with the 5th Mobile Public

Affairs Detachment.) (via David Norcross, DXLD) WTFK??

\*\* ANGOLA. 4949.8, R Nacional, Mulenvos, Aug 10 - no sign of Angola here this evening. I checked back at 0519 UT transmitter sunrise and still not even carrier present (Brandon Jordan - Memphis, TN, USA, <http://www.bcdx.org> Perseus SDR, Wellbrook ALA100, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ANTARCTICA. fmne: [HCDX] Antarctica LRA36 on 15476 --- I had not heard LRA36 since I lived in Brazil, but after putting up the 80 meter loop I can hear them again, in the north-eastern USA. Fair reception of LRA36 on 15476 kHz on August 10 2009, from 1800 UT. Heard several clear LRA36 "desde a base Esperanza na Antarctica Argentina" IDs around 1805 [you mean really in Portuguese? -- gh]. The signal started out good and faded down over time, as sunset approaches the Antarctic Peninsula (Rik van Riel, NH, Aug 10, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DXLD)

The other day, while picking raspberries and blueberries in the woods surrounding our house, my wife and I were tuned to LRA36 on a portable Lextronix E5 receiver. "M'sica and cultura" was on the menu. Edmundo Rivero and Susana Rinaldi with tangos, followed by a few zambas and a Yma Sumac-ish rendering of "El cÙndor pasa". I was using the telescopic antenna only. Time of reception: 1805-1910+ Reception was very poor at the outset but slowly improving, and approaching fair level around 1900. Temperature at the Esperanza base was given as 15 degrees below zero, which equals 5 degrees F (Henrik Klemetz, in SW Sweden, ibid., WORLD OF RADIO 1473)

\*\* ARGENTINA. 11710.7, RAE, General Pacheco, 1055-1320, 10 Aug, Japanese program, sign off announcements, IS+IDS, TS, Portuguese at 1100, with features ranging from Argentinian music & performers to history and news; Castilian program at 1200; 35443. Continuous fair-good reception without any disturbance but some QSB (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* AUSTRALIA. Just to let you know last Tuesday 4th August, Radio Symban was switched off 2368.5 kHz. This was due to the fact that a local PABX was radiating the signals on its phone lines. The matter is being rectified, until the tech is happy with the fix, the station will be off air. I have talked to Con and feel that the 50 watts is okay, but winding the transmitter up over 400 watts was the issue, being so close to local business. Ian Baxter is correct where the aerial is located. However, the issue is that the timber yard manager is obviously concerned when people walk pass the office, into the main timber yard area. Anyway just with the 50 watts at first, the signal was heard in the USA, Finland and of course New Zealand. Regards (John Wright Australian Radio DX club, Aug 11, WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* AUSTRALIA. RADIO AUSTRALIA TO RESUME BROADCASTS TO BURMA

Glenn, I have been listening to shortwave since 1965, but this is my first report to you. See:

<http://www.smh.com.au/world/in-solidarity-radio-australia-to-resume-broadcasts-to-burma-20090811-eh2o.html>

(Gary Daly, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Tnx Gary, welcome (gh) Viz.:

IN SOLIDARITY: RADIO AUSTRALIA TO RESUME BROADCASTS TO BURMA

Stephanie Peatling, August 12, 2009

RADIO AUSTRALIA will again begin broadcasting to Burma in what the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, called a ''gesture of solidarity'' with the pro democracy leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, in the wake of her conviction yesterday. Mr Rudd also hinted at stronger sanctions. . .  
(Sydney Morning Herald as above via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DXLD)

! The story says nothing further about the axual broadcasts. Does that mean RA is adding the Burmese language? It has surely been ``broadcasting to Burma`` all along together with the rest of S and SE Asia. 'Resume'? -- I don't recall RA ever having Burmese-language broadcast tho possibly sometime sesquidecades ago. Perhaps it's just an empty gesture by PM Rudd. The following story from RA itself does not explicitly say it will be in Burmese either: (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EXTENSION OF AUNG SAN SUU KYI'S HOUSE ARREST PROMPTS RESUMPTION OF RADIO AUSTRALIAN BURMESE SERVICE

"Australia's Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, says the continued detention of Aung San Suu Kyi is a new low for Burma's military regime. . . The Prime Minister has also announced the Government and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation have agreed to Ms Suu Kyi's previous request to have the Radio Australia service resume broadcast service to Burma. He says it is a gesture of solidarity to her and opens a new channel of international contact for the people of Burma." Radio Australia, 11 August 2009.

<http://www.radioaustralianews.net.au/stories/200908/2652948.htm?desktop>  
(kimandrewelliott.com via DXLD)

Radio Australia's own shortwave transmitters may be a bit far from Burma for reliable reception. Even the more powerful former RA transmitters at Darwin, which now must be leased from the present owner, religious broadcaster CVC International, may not be ideally located. Transmitters leased from VT Broadcast in Thailand might be the best bet. And then there is the selection of an ideal evening

time. Only 1800-1900 Burma time is not now taken by BBC, VOA, or RFA Burmese. Burmese, however, prefer later hours for international radio listening. Maybe 2200-2300, competing with the second half of the VOA Burmese broadcast (Kim Andrew Elliott, *ibid.*)

#### Radio Australia to resume Burmese service

Australia's Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, says the continued detention of Aung San Suu Kyi is a new low for Burma's military regime. A Burmese court today convicted Ms Suu Kyi of breaching the country's security laws and sentenced her to spend another 18 months under house arrest.

The Prime Minister has also announced the Government and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation have agreed to Ms Suu Kyi's previous request to have Radio Australia resume broadcast service to Burma. He says it is a gesture of solidarity to her and opens a new channel of international contact for the people of Burma.

(Source: Australia Network News) (August 11th, 2009 - 13:03 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

Note the wording in this and two other stories about this I have seen. A service to Burma does NOT necessarily mean in the Burmese language, which I don't recall RA ever using before, so how can it resume? Yet it has surely been ``serving Burma'' continuously in English on shortwave along with the rest of south and southeast Asia. Perhaps this is just an empty gesture, or might involve some slight shifting of azimuths or designated CIRAF target zones to make it see, tp come true. I want to see them say it will be IN Burmese (Glenn Hauser, MN blog comment via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DXLD)

\*\* BOLIVIA. 4409.8, R. Eco, Reyes, 2324-2336, 03 Aug, Castilian, LAm music, seemingly Mexican, ballads; 25331.

4451.2, R. St<sup>TM</sup> Ana, St<sup>TM</sup> Ana del Yacuma, 2326-2339, 03 Aug, Castilian, pops; 15331. Every time I'm lucky to catch this one, they seem to be playing this sort of music, not the traditional, Indian type as in most 60 m band BOL stations (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4451.20, 2240-2250 06.08, R Santa Ana, Santa Ana del Yacuma (presumed), Spanish talk, 15111.

4699.32, 2240-2250 08.08, R San Miguel, Riberalta (presumed) Spanish talk 25232 (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

4699.3, R. San Miguel, Riberalta, 2227-2238, 04 Aug, Castilian, light songs; 25331.

5952.5, R. Pio XII, Siglo XX, 2234-2247, 03 Aug, Catilian & Quechua, talks, Indian pops; 33331, adjacent QRM (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The logs in 9-057 from Bob Wilkner which he dated July 7 should no doubt have been August 7 (gh, DXLD)

\*\* BRAZIL. Nesta semana, falaremos novamente de um planejamento de captaÁ,o, e a emissora escolhida È a R·dio Educadora de Limeira.

#### A R·DIO EDUCADORA DE LIMEIRA

A R·dio Educadora de Limeira opera AM, como ZYK-531, na freq,Íncia de 1020 kHz, com potÍncia diurna de 2.5 kW e noturna de 500 Watts. Como ZYG-852, opera da freq,Íncia de 2380 kHz, com 250 watts de potÍncia.

... uma das emissoras mais antigas do interior paulista, tendo sido fundada em 28 de junho de 1939. E o seu slogan tÌpico È iA R·dio do povo!.

Seu Web site est· no endereÁo: <http://www.educadoraam.com.br/>  
O seu endereÁo postal È : R·dio Educadora de Limeira - Rua Professora Maria Ap. Martinelli Faveri, 988 - Jd. Elisa Fumagalli- CEP: 13485-316 - Limeira/SP

E ela pode ser contactada por E-mail, atravÈs do endereÁo eletrÙnico bruno @ educadoraam.com.br

Ela possui uma comunidade Orkut no endereÁo <http://www.orkut.com.br/Main#CommTopics.aspx?cmm=28832627>  
e tambÈm est· no Twitter no endereÁo <http://www.twitter.com/educadoraam>

Sua grade de programaÁ,o b·sica È: [presumably LT = UT -3 winter]  
04:00 = Sertanejo Educadora - Oliveira J·nior  
06:00 = Visita ao Seu Lar - Pastor Ciro  
06:15 = Show do Paulo Eduardo  
09:00 = Show do Edinho Fernandes  
11:00 = A Voz do Povo - Osvaldo Davoli  
12:30 = Painel Esportivo 1™ ediÁ,o - Edmar Ferreira  
13:00 = Show da Tarde - Robson Cabrini  
15:00 = Programa Edmundo Silva  
17:00 = Hora da NotÍcia - Roberto Lucato  
18:00 = Painel Esportivo 2™ ediÁ,o - Roberto Lucato

Mas eventualmente, altera esta grade de programaÁ,,o em funÁ,,o da transmiss,,o de jogos de Basquetebol, pois a cidade È um pÙlo nacional, neste esporte.

Esta emissora, È a 'nica que se mantÈm em Ondas Tropicais, na banda de 120 metros no Brasil, e mesmo emitindo com potÍncia muito baixa, apenas 250 watts, consegue ser uma emissora bem captada, tanto no Brasil, como em diversos outros paÌses do mundo, porque possui um nicho de freq.Íncia relativamente descongestionado.

As emissoras mais prÙximas da freq.Íncia dela, s,,o a KCBS Pyongyang, de Sariwon, na CorÈia, que emite com 5 kW, na freq.Íncia de 2350 kHz, ou seja 30 kHz abaixo o que equivale a 3 larguras de bandas de emissoras abaixo, e mesmo assim com uma potÍncia de apenas 5 kW. E a outra emissora mais prÙxima dela, logo acima È a XEJN Huayacocotla, da cidade de Huayacocotla, no MÈxico, que opera em 2390 kHz, e tambÈm com potÍncia baixa de 500 Watts. [XEJN has been gone for years! gh]

Como podem verificar, mesmo sendo uma emissora que emite com apenas 250 watts, na freq.Íncia de 2380 kHz, a R·dio Educadora de Limeira, È uma emissora conhecida e captada, mundialmente, pelos dexistas (@tividade DX Aug 9 via DXLD)

2380, R. Educadora, Limeita SP, 2229-2246, 04 Aug, national news magazine A Voz do Brasil with Jornal do Senado at 2230; 25331.

4755, R. Imaculada ConceiÁ,,o, Cpf Grande MS, 2215-2226, 04 Aug, music, ID at 2216, program announcement, religious ballad; 25331.

4865, R. Verdes Florestas, Cruz] do Sul AC, 2333-2349, 03 Aug, messages & infos; 44332, CODAR QRM.

4885, R. Club do Par., BelÈm PA, 2052-2120, 07 Aug, rlg. propag. prgr "A Prece Poderosa", TS, sports "Cartaz Desportivo", advertisements; 45333.

4895, R. Novo Tempo, Cpf Grande MS, 2144-2202\*, 03 Aug, news 2145-2158, ID, songs, abrupt closure; 25331, lowish audio.

4915, R. Daqui, Anhang,era GO, 2055-2114, 07 Aug, talks, sung Ave Maria; 43342, QRM de B. This has been silent, or then inaudible on \\ 11830.

4915, R. Dif™, Macap· AP, 2144-2208, 09 Aug, football news progr, news bulletin at 2200; 43432, QRM de B.

4974.8, R. A Nossa Voz, Osasco SP, 2232-2248, 05 Aug, A Voz do Brasil part 2; 25342.

4985, R. Brasil Central, Goiânia GO, 2228-2249, 05 Aug, A Voz do Brasil part 2; 55343; \\\ 11815 good.

5035, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 2143-2206, 05 Aug, prgr for truck drivers "Truc,,o", with ads, infos, music, then ID+fqs announcement prior to A Voz do Brasil at 2200; 35332; \\\ 6135, 9630, 11855.

5045, R. Guarujá Paulista, Guarujá SP, 2145-2219, 05 Aug, reports from the Senate, legislation issues, no Voz do Brasil at 2200; 25341, but better after 2200 (power change?).

5955, R. Gazeta Universitária, São Paulo SP, 2232-2246, 03 Aug, A Voz do Brasil; 33331, co-channel QRM; better on 04 Aug at 2210.

6020, R. Ga'cha, Pta Alegre RS, 2242-2309, 03 Aug, advertisements, music, chatter, newscast at 2300; 23341, adj. QRM, but better after 2300.

6080, R. Novas de Paz, Cutiriba PR, 2243-2305, 03 Aug, A Voz do Brasil, ID at 2301 as "R. Marumby - a emissora da paz"; 33442, adjacent QRM, but much less after 2300.

6090, R. Bandeirantes, São Paulo SP, 2245-2259, 03 Aug, ads, f/ball news prgr; 32441, QRM de CHN (p) + AIA (stronger after 2300).

6135, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 2304-2315, 06 Aug, newscast; 35433.

6150, R. Record, São Paulo SP, 2143-2203, 07 Aug, f/ball news until 2153, advertisements prior to A Voz do Brasil at 2200; 33442, adj. QRM till 2200, then co-ch. QRM too.

6185, R. Nacional da Amazônia, Parque do Rodeador DF, 2251-, 03 Aug, A Voz do Brasil; 32441, adj. QRM.

9565, SRDA, Curitiba PR, 0939-1006, 07 Aug, shouting IPDA preacher, music at 1000, announcement for "O Seu Projecto" scheduled for 08 Aug, then prayer; 25432.

9565, ditto, 1435-1455, 08 Aug, pathetic IPDA live "show" about healings; 24442, adj. QRM.

9665, R. Marumby, Florianópolis SC, 1422-1430 (when blocked), 07 Aug, preacher; 14341; het with KRE 9665.5; blocked by DRM signal at 1430. Reception was far better on 08 Aug at 1445, just as if there were no QRM.

9695, R. Rio Mar, Manaus AM, 1441-1458, 08 Aug, Brazilian songs,

talks; 24431, adj. QRM de NIGERIA 9690.

9819.7, R. 9 de Julho, S<sup>o</sup> Paulo SP, 1250-f/out 1326, 07 Aug, talks, almost no copy; 15431.

11725, R. Novas de Paz, Curitiba PR, 1105-1220, 10 Aug, R. Marumby relay, rlg. songs & propaganda; 15431 and deteriorating even further.

11735, R. Transmundial, St™ M™ RS, 1945-2003, 06 Aug, program announcements, rlg. songs in "Espa o Transmundial"; 44433, QRM de TZA.

11735, ditto, 1251-1440, 07 Aug, newscast, webpage info, "boletim meteorol gico" (=weather rpt.) at 1431, all in "Bom dia, RTM!, songs; 45444.

11855, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 2109-2126, 08 Aug, program "Sert,<sup>o</sup> sucessos", with Braz. folk/country music; 44433, QRM de WYFR, USA; \\ 5035, 6135, 9630.

11895, R. Boa Vontade, Pt<sup>s</sup> Alegre RS, 1954-2012, 06 Aug, preacher often referring to the Gospel, music to match; 15431 (Carlos Gon alves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BRAZIL. 5990, R. Senado, Brasilia, \*0915, Aug 6 - fair signal at sign-on with non-stop jazz music until brief ID at 0923. Excellent transmitter dawn enhancement at the bottom of the hour, canned ID's, rooster crow into "Bom Dia" type program. Slowly began fading from 0945 UT (Brandon Jordan - Memphis, TN, USA, <http://www.bcdx.org> Perseus SDR, Wellbrook ALA100, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* BRAZIL. BRASIL n A R<sup>o</sup>dio Rural, de Santar m (PA), desistiu de transmitir em ondas curtas. Em mensagem enviada a Paulo Roberto e Souza, de Tef  (AM), o diretor da emissora, padre Edilberto Sena, relata que, para recuperar o transmissor, seriam necess rios R\$ 20 mil. Al m disso, o custo com a energia el trica para manter a freq ncia de 4765 kHz no ar era muito alto. A emissora, segundo ele, aumentou sua pot ncia em ondas m dias, o que atenderia a maioria de seus ouvintes. Por fim, relata que fica mais f cil ouvir a emissora em qualquer parte do planeta na Internet. O site ´ o <http://www.radioruraldesantarem.com.br>

BRASIL n Uma boa dica para quem quer ficar por dentro das estreias de cinema ´ acompanhar o programa Antenados, levado ao ar pela R<sup>o</sup>dio Bandeirantes, de S<sup>o</sup> Paulo (SP), nos s bados, entre 12h e 13h. Apresentado por Carolina Ercolin, o segmento tamb m fala de shows e outras novidades da rea cultural na capital paulista. Em ondas curtas, o programa pode ser sintonizado em 6090, 9645 e 11925 kHz.

Confira!

BRASIL ñ A R·dio 9 de Julho, de S·o Paulo (SP), est· completando um ano de transmissies em 9820 kHz, em 31 metros. A emissora foi monitorada, em Porto Alegre (RS), em 8 de agosto, ±s 1520, no Tempo Universal, com excelente sintonia (CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX via DXLD)

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\*\* BRAZIL. The Brasilian film "Lucia Lucio" begins with a broadcast from a Brasil, time station with news and comments, Portuguese ID by OM in film "4905 in the 60 meterband". Odd to find shortwave on any film???

Lucia (Cecilia Roth) is trying to cope with the recent disappearance of her husband. As two of her neighbors Adrian (Kuno Becker) and Felix (Carlos Alvarez-Novoa) -- provide moral support and help Lucia investigate the mystery. NetFlix (Bob Wilkner, FL, NASWA yg via DXLD)

\*\* CANADA. Hi Glenn: Steve Canney posted the following on the CFRX YG today. Harold

Something I just found out about on Friday and no doubt you figured it out, CFRX is off again! Apparently the antenna tuning unit at the base of the vertical was knocked over which in turn messed up the SWR the transmitter was seeing. This automatically put the transmitter into a low power state, however, it caused damage to some components in the tx and now the unit needs to be sent back to the manufacturer in New York state for repairs --- ugh! So, once again, RX is off. All this came from Ian, the engineer, when he called me on the phone last Friday morning. It would appear the e-mail alerting me to this problem never arrived in my 'in-box' so I would have been quicker with the official news.

So that's all I can tell you right now. Back to listening to 1010 again. Steve (via Harold Sellers, Aug 10, WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DXLD)

Still zero signal from CFRX 6070 at 1320 check August 11. Harold Sellers passes on word from Steve Canney that the transmitter has been damaged again and is back in New York for repairs, so no telling how long it will be off. When it does come back, don't expect to hear Peter Anthony Holder any more after 0500 UT weeknights, as his home station CJAD MontrÈal has fired most of its local talk hosts (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CHILE. 17680, CVC, normally a loud and reliable signal, only a

trace of carrier Aug 11 at 1345, then bits of Spanish detectable; improved considerably by 1350. The propagation, it is changing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, Glenn, for the nostalgic nod as we approach the 40th anniversary of Woodstock and the news media lipservice to the folk music era that seemed to shape the "stuff" heard at Yasgur's Farm!  
-- (Warren Kraft, OSHKOSH,  
<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1442726748>

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We make a living by what we get;  
we make a life by what we give.  
Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)  
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CHINA [non]. 5030, CNR-1 (assumed), 1405-1502, August 10. Seems that they may be about to resume broadcasting again here and on 6175. Heard with strong open carrier, so assume they are doing some final testing of their transmitters. Has been off the air since August 4. Did not hear any carrier on 4460 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CHINA. 5050, Voice of the Strait, Fuzhou, Fujian; 1150z 9 August, M&W in Chinese with announcements. Fair (Steven C. Wiseblood, Brownsville TX, (2 miles from Boca Chica Beach, GULF of MEXICO), Radio Shack DX-399, 150' center fed LW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Steve, Greetings from foggy Monterey/Asilomar Beach, CA! Have been enjoying your various postings and wanted to pass along a few comments that might be of interest. Steve, I listen to 5050 almost every day and the station you heard was Guangxi FBS, without a doubt. If possible, check for parallel with 9820.

Back in April, I observed that VOS had changed all three 60m band frequencies. 4940 is now on 9505; 5050 is now on 7280 and 4900 is now on 6115. It has been impossible for me to hear 7280 or 6115. 9505 is very weak and of little real use. In the fall they should return again to 60m, at least I hope so, as I can hear all three of them there, even with VOS on 5050 mixing with Guangxi FBS.

As it is now on 5050, I can often hear a fairly strong Guangxi FBS mixing with a weaker AIR Aizawl, especially for the 1230 UT news in English. August 10, I tuned in to double check 5050 and indeed at 1247 UT, heard fairly good signal from Guangxi FBS (clearly // 9820), in Vietnamese, along with QRM (music) from AIR Aizawl. So VOS has not returned here yet.

Attached is an audio file (MP3). Hope this is of help. Keep the logs

coming!! Best regards, (Ron Howard, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5050, Guangxi FBS; 1216z talk by man in possible Cantonese. Poor, but audible 8/11/2009 (Steven C. Wiseblood, AB5GP, Brownsville TX, (2 miles from Boca Chica Beach, GULF of MEXICO), Radio Shack DX-399, 150' center fed LW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CHINA. 7130, UNID CNR channel (or CRI?), 1502-1528, 07 Aug, Mandarin (presumed), talks; 15421 (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also TAIWAN

\*\* CHINA. CNR 8, the minorities service, noted in Kazakh Aug 8th at 0946 on 15415 kHz. Although the signal is low, a clear channel provides good reception. This is the highest frequency for this service. 15390 in parallel gives similar reception, 13700 is stronger and 11780 and 11630 are heard more or less like the 19 m frequencies. 12055 is blocked by DRM (Robert Foerster, Germany, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* CHINA. Scan for jamming. 1309-1339, August 11: No solo Firedrake heard! A drastic reduction in the Sound of Hope activity, as also observed and commented on by Glenn.

Firedrake + CNR-1 echo jamming: 11805, 11990 and 12040, all against VOA.

Solo CNR-1 (// 6030) echo jamming: 6085 (RTI), 6110 (VOA), 6150 (RTI), 7185 (RTI), 7420 (BBC) and 9845 (VOA).

1507-1528, August 11:

Solo Firedrake: 13500 (SOH)

Firedrake + CNR-1 echo jamming: 9670 (VOA), 12025 (RFA), 13755 (VOA) and 15450 (VOA).

Solo CNR-1 echo jamming: 12110 (VOA), 13675 (RFA), 15285 (BBC) and 15495 (RFA) (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Firedrake August 11: at 1337 on 12040, mixing with CNR1 jammer and VOA Chinese.

Nothing else noticed until 1415 found a good but fluttery FD-only signal on 15780, // 12040. That means the Sound of Hope, Xi Wang Zhi Sheng relay via Tajikistan, was on 15780 today; Aoki lists it on 15750 but varying down to 15740 at 1400-1430 and to 15720 at 1230-1300.

Then at 1419 I searched for more Firedrake: only one found was 13500 // but weaker than 15780. Nothing audible on 8400, 9000, 11300, 13970, 14430, 15150, 15600, 17470v (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* DJIBOUTI. 4780, RTV Djibouti, Dorale, \*0259, Aug 10 - transmitter on at 0243 with OC, 1 kHz tone from 0255. Orchestral anthem at 0259 s/on, Arabic speaker with brief opening announcements and directly into Qur'an recitations lasting until 0308. Good signal, s/on concurrent with sunrise at the transmitter. Occasional ute QRM on the upper side band and mild CODAR (Brandon Jordan - Memphis, TN, USA, <http://www.bcdx.org> Perseus SDR, Wellbrook ALA100, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But see also KURDISTAN

\*\* EAST TURKISTAN. 13670, Aug 11 at 1339, poor signal in music with hi-pitched whistling which caught my ear, Chinese announcement, then traditional instrumental music. Aoki says Ur,mqi beamed due west, CRI Chinese service from the PRC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ECUADOR. 690, HCJB, Pifo, Ecuador, 0452-0500\*, se ñal regular a pobre, mezclndose con Radio Recuerdos, con el programa Aventura Diexista, en la cual comentaban sobre la ltima emision para el 20 de septiembre del 2009; antes de terminar ID por Dino Bloise, 0500 horas se escucha mejor la de Medellin. 10 agosto 2009 (Yimber Gaviria, Cali, Colombia, Receptor SRF-M37 para onda media, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hola amigos, escuchando Aventura Diexista de HCJB del 8 de agosto 2009, en la cual informan sobre el cierre de Pifo, Ecuador fijada para el 30 de septiembre de 2009.

Pero mantendr. s ñlo una emisiñ en PortuguEs en la frecuencia de 11920 de 2245-0230 UT hasta medianos de noviembre del aÑo en curso.  
[presumably including tribal language before 2300 --- gh]

Pueden escuchar la emision: 8 agosto 2009:  
[http://programasdx.podomatic.com/player/web/2009-08-08T00\\_21\\_08-07\\_00](http://programasdx.podomatic.com/player/web/2009-08-08T00_21_08-07_00)  
o visitar: <http://programasdx.com/aventuradiexista.htm>

Es lamentable, tener que escuchar estas noticias (Yimber Gaviria, Noticias de la Radio, WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ECUADOR. 3279.91, 0305-0315 31.07, La Voz del Napo, Tena. Spanish religious talk and hymns 25232 (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* ERITREA/ETHIOPIA. Many thanks for the message! Today Eritrea left 7175 at 1630 shifted to the jammer and went on 7165 where was only(!)

ETH in English. On 7110 was Ethiopia Home Service. The jamming was observed and after 1715 on 7165 but also and on 9560 kHz. Such a puzzle! 73s, (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Aug 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ERITREA. 7175, Voice of the Broad Masses, Asmara, 1944-2001\*, 06 Aug, Arabic, talks, local songs, ID, natl. anthem at 2000; 55433 (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ERITREA [and non]. Clandestine: 7165.01, 0415-0430\* Wed 05.08, Voice of Peace and Democracy of Eritrea, via Geja Jewe, Ethiopia Tigrinya talk, short Horn of Africa music and closing announcement, 45343 // 9560.00 (23222 Heterodyne).

7175.00, 0420-0430 Wed 05.08, Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, Asmara, Tigrinya (?), not Arabic! Horn of Africa music, talk, 0430-0500 talk in Amharic (presumed), and Horn of Africa music, 0500 news in Afar (presumed), 35333 (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* ETHIOPIA. 6110, 0310-0315 08.08, R Fana, Addis Ababa, Amharic interview, Horn of Africa music 45333 (Not heard on 6890 or 7210).

6170, \*0258-0310 08.08, Voice of the Tigray Revolution, Addis Ababa, Tigrinya announcement after Horn of Africa IS, ID and Horn of Africa music 25232 // 5950 (35333). Also heard on 6170 at 1855 (QSA 4) (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* ETHIOPIA. 7110, R. Ethiopia, Geja Dera, 1451-1526, 07 Aug, vernacular, local songs, news (p) at 1500; 25432. Very good at 1700.

7165, R. Ethiopia, Geja Jawe, 1302-1446, 05 Aug, vernacular, presumably Afar, talks, Arabic at 1400, talks & songs; 15331; \\ 9560.7. It seemed, however, that there were two different feeds being aired on 7165, or then a second station underneath ETH.

7210 R. Fana (presumed), Addis Ababa, 1505-1526, 05 Aug, Vernacular, tribal songs; 24432; co-channel unID in vernacular - Eritrea? (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* EUROPE. EUROPirates, 3377.7, UNID Greek, 2313-, 03 Aug, Greek songs; 25342; this is just a harmonic of fund. 1688.8 (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EUROPIrate, 6870, R. Playback Int'l, Italy (presumed, but most certainly this country), 0920-1440, 08 Aug, English (only heard for IDs), pops, same menu at 1430; 25432. Rated 45343 in the early evening

(Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re 6220: ``They have an e-mail address: playbackinternational @ gmail.com I sent them a mail on this address and got an answer back.''

Mystery R. was pounding in here on Sat. night. Playback Int'l is very good about QSLing, but Mystery doesn't QSL at all. The only way to QSL the station is indirectly, by getting a QSL from one of the other programmers that occasionally uses the transmitter (Andrew Yoder, PA, Aug 10, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

Dear friends, I remember that two or three years ago I sent a reception report to Mystery Radio via eMail and the pirate station kindly has answer me with a QSL card. Unfortunately first to print it my computer crashed and I lose it. Sigh !!!! Bye (Dþrio Gabrielli, Italy, ibid.)

Hello, received eQSL for live programming in December 2006. View it via <http://www.achimbrueckner.de/freeradio/php/wordpress/?p=1460> However they might have stopped sending eQSLs for live programming as well.

73 (Achim Bruckner, <http://www.freeradio.de> <http://www.dxradio.de>  
RX: NRD 525 GF ANT: ARA 30, QTH: Detmold 5156 N 852 E Germany, ibid.)

\*\* FINLAND. 5980, 1215-1315 Sat 08.08, Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat, Finnish, live report and interview 25222 // 11720.

11720, 0855-1215 and 1620 Sat 08.08, Scandinavian Weekend R, Virrat, Finnish, live report, interview and talks from the FDXA Summermeeting when best: 25232 // 5980. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* GEORGIA. Abkhazia Radio on 9495.5 kHz with folk music and vernacular program at 0811 on Aug 11th. Signal quite weak but clear channel. 9535 kHz not heard. 73s & good dx (Robert Foerster, Germany, Aug 11, WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GERMANY. 6140, 0930-1000\* Sun 02.08, M.V. Baltic R, via Wertachtal, German/English IDs, announcement, English pop records in "Eine kleine Beatmusik" 55544 (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* GREECE. ERT, ERA5, V Of Greece foreign languages FILIA relay on single 11645 kHz is still absent since ?July 27?. At present on all frequencies 9420 11645 15630 kHz same Greek program 05-10 UT, except Tuesdays. Aug 11 (Wolfgang Bischel, Germany, 0818 UT Aug 11, WORLD OF

RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* GUINEA-Conakry. 7125, R. GuinÈe, Sonfonya, has been heard in the morning and then in the evening only, and the pattern is not regular (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDIA. Re 9-057: 5040 INDIA AIR-Jeypore; 1212z subcontinental music w/sliding drums & vocals. Fair (Wiseblood-TX 8/09/2009)

August 9, I also found AIR Jeypore to be exceptionally good. The best AIR on the 60m band! Very impressive! Recently many of the AIR regionals have been really outstanding (Ron Howard, foggy Monterey / Asilomar Beach, CA, Aug 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDONESIA. 4925, RRI-Jambi. Something seems very different here! New or improved transmitter? Otherwise how do we explain the vast improvement in reception that started a few weeks ago? Am hearing them almost daily! 1343, August 11 with pop and EZL songs; in Bahasa Indonesia; 1403 DJ starts taking phone calls on air; almost fair (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* INDONESIA. 9524.9, VOI, Aug 11, several chex during the 13-1357 English hour confirmed it was yet another Tuesday hookup with the guy at RRI Banjarmasin, and as usual readability difficult due to accents, hum, less than optimum modulation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ISRAEL. Galei Tsahal is now on 15790 kHz. Signal strength is as usual, e.g. S3 to 4 at 0747 Aug 11th, but modulation is so weak that it is almost impossible to copy the contents of the broadcast (Robert Foerster, Germany, Aug 11, WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Galai Zahal 15785v kHz still OFF air. Aug 11 (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, 0818 UT, WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* JAPAN. 6055, R. Nikkei, plays a lot of classical Moog synthesizer music, such as Aug 10 at 1248, Handel's Water Music, welcoming the typhoon? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA NORTH. 7140, Voice of Korea, Pyongyang; 1210 announcements by M in Korean. Good signal 8/11/2009 (Steven C. Wiseblood, AB5GP, Brownsville TX, (2 miles from Boca Chica Beach, GULF of MEXICO), Radio Shack DX-399, 150' center fed LW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7140, Voice of Korea, Kujang, 0934-0947, 06 Aug, Korean to E Asia, talks, songs; 25432. This and GUI 7125 were the sole broadcast stations audible at 0945 on the 7100-7200 range.

7180, V of Korea, Kujang, 2203-, 06 Aug, Mandarin to E Asia, talks, presumably news; 35332; \\ 9345, 9975, 11535 just as in the B08; good reception on 08 Aug at 2140 (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KOREA NORTH [and non]. 15245v, at 1417 Aug 11, het and French // 11710, so VOK, and off-frequency, vs scheduled BBC Russian via Woofferton 15245.0. I imagine the collision is even worse in Russia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* KURDISTAN. Clandestines: 4780.01, 0245-0315 03.08, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Salah Al-Din, Northern Iraq (presumed), Kurdish (presumed) talk and songs, heterodyne + jammer, 12211. At 0300 the station jumped up to 4795.42, but the jammer stayed on 4780. [see also DJIBOUTI!]

4788.96, 0226-0305 31.07, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Salah Al-Din, Northern Iraq (presumed), Kurdish talks and songs, heterodyne and jamming, 23332.

4795.00, 0223-0300 05.08, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Salah Al-Din, Northern Iraq (presumed), Kurdish (presumed) talk, Middle East music and song, at 0235-0300 on 4790.96, jammer followed frequency change! 23332

4795.97, 0255-0310 08.08, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, Salah Al-Din, Northern Iraq (presumed), Kurdish (presumed), talk, 13231 jamming + heterodyne. At 0335-0345 heard on 4790.02 Kurdish (presumed) talk, no jamming, but CWQRM, 14232 (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DXLD)

\*\* LAOS. 7145, LNR, 1334, August 9, with local news in English (Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia signed memorandums of understanding for better cooperation; data on HIV cases in Laos; rubbish pickup issues; S. Korean airline in negotiations for direct flights between Laos and Seoul, etc.); music bridges between items; no iInternational Newsî today; ID iThat ends our program. You have been listening to the Lao National Radio, broadcasting from Vientiane, the Lao Peopleís Democratic Republicí; 1356\*. Off early today, as usually they continue on till about 1401\* with an audio feed from a local FM station after the end of English. August 10 noted 1402\* (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MALAYSIA. 6175, Suara Islam, 1418, August 10, in vernacular with pop songs; 1500 news; IDs iSuara Islam FMî and iRadio Suara Islam, Kuala Lumpurî; fair to good; // 6049.60v (fair to poor). Am enjoying 6175 and 5030 while I can, before CNR-1 returns with their strong

signal (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, Et n E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MALAYSIA/SARAWAK. 7130, RTM Sarawak FM, Kuching; 1209z almost Middle-Eastern type instrumental song, light island-pop ballads, during absence of TAIWAN [q.v.] until \*1250 TAIWAN O/C completely covers SARAWAK. 8/11/2009.

7270, MALAYSIA-SARAWAK, RTM Kuching-Stapok, Sarawak; 1212 light island-pop vocal music, 1250 [Arabic garble] holy qur'an recitations. Fair-Good 8/11/2009 (Steven C. Wiseblood, AB5GP, Brownsville TX, (2 miles from Boca Chica Beach, GULF of MEXICO), Radio Shack DX-399, 150' center fed LW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MALI. 7284.6, R. Mali, Kati, 1255-1435, 07 Aug, vernacular, folk songs, French at 1300 for news bulletin, modern Malian songs, some FM frequencies announced; 55444 \\ 9635 good but with weaker audio.

9635, R. Mali, Kati, 1257-1435, 07 Aug, Vernacular, folk songs, French at 1300 for news, modern Malian songs, FM frequency announcements; 55444 but weaker audio than \\ 7284.6 (Carlos Gon alves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MAURITANIA. 7245 (and 4845) has been off for days on end, it's only active on \\ 783 (Carlos Gon alves, Portugal, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Mauritanie appears to be off the air on 7245 kHz. It was last heard on July 25th with weak signal and low modulation at early 0735. Although sign-on times have always been quite irregular, when I checked for it on July 31st and ever since, nothing at all was heard (Robert Foerster, Germany, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MEXICO. 11 AUG 2009, 6185, R. Educaci n, XEPPM; 2000-2045z apparently testing, playing soft "m sica rom ntica". VERY STRONG, and DAYTIME path here (Steven C. Wiseblood, Brownsville TX (2 miles from Boca Chica Beach, GULF of MEXICO), Radio Shack DX-399, 150' center fed LW, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Normally silent daytimes, 11-23 UT, but occasionally caught here too (gh, OK)

\*\* MOROCCO. M di 1 once again missing [9575] during local morning Aug 11th, until 0737. Sudden s/on in the middle of political commentary in French with usual signal quality (Robert Foerster, Germany, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* MYANMAR. 5770, Myanmar Defense Forces Broadcasting Station (presumed), 1230, August 9, with their usual BoH format (selection of indigenous music, military march band with bugle); in vernacular;

playing pop songs and indigenous songs; almost fair with usual summer QRN (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NAURU. The Team Leader of the desired C21TI DX expedition to Nauru, Pacific Adventure 2009, the Spanish EA4ATI, tells us that everything is on the march, is currently in Suva, on the way to Nauru where they are expected to arrive shortly, and if not There is nothing new or setback, the station will be in the air as planned.

The promotional video available at <http://www.youtube.com/ea3rkr>

All the info QRZ.COM activity and the event's official website. Upcoming videos in other languages. You too can help the success of this expedition longed to this DXCC entity that is among the most wanted, consider a donation and works with this adventure. C21TI

Genuine commitment to the radio. Please spread this news on lists, forums and newsletters, as well as other websites. Thank you very much (EA3RKR Team, Aug 11, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* NETHERLANDS. Re 9-057: DROPPING OF EVANGELICAL SATIRE SHOW CRITICISED

Two Dutch Christian comedians, signing themselves Tohoe Wabohoe, have sharply criticised public broadcaster EO for dropping a TV programme with a satirical view of fundamentalist Christianity.

EO claims to be an evangelical broadcaster, they say in an open letter published online, and should have taken this opportunity to show non-religious people that evangelical Christians do have a sense of humour. Read the full story from RNW News

<http://www.rnw.nl/english/article/dropping-evangelical-satire-show-criticised>  
(Aug 11, 2009 - 1307 UT by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

1 comment so far 1 SRG August 11th, 2009 - 17:44 UTC

Cancelling of the show is criticized by two comedians, one of whom was expected to be its participant? Big news! As often is the case with RNW reporting, no opposing views are presented even in the èfullí version of the story. Getting a comment from EO management (or at least, trying to get one) would be considered a must in the Anglo-Saxon journalistic tradition. Interviewing a few regular subscribers would also be helpful. I suspect it is a translated story that once again underlines the weaknesses of Dutch language reporting (ibid.)

\*\* NETHERLANDS [non]. Just a small note to remind you about part 2 of the special Happy Station Show's tribute to DXERS coming this week at 1500 UT on 9955, August 13, 2009. Webstream is at <http://www.wrimi.net> (Keith Perron, Taiwan, Aug 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## Happy Station's Tribute to Dxers Part 2

Hi Everyone, This is just a reminder of the special edition of Happy Station at 1500 UT August 13, 2009, called Happy Station Tribute To Dxers Part 2. On this special:

Soviet Jamming with the former Lithuanian Minister Of Communications and long time Dxer Rimantas Pleikys.

Simon Mason author of Secret Signals to talk about the mystery of spy number stations.

And Jerry Berg about his books on the history of shortwave radio.

Stuart Parkins with another funny story about working at China Radio International

The transmission at 0100 will have some very interesting music plus mail call. So finally:

Happy Station Show ñ 0100 to 0155 UT

Frequency: 9955 khz (beam South America/Caribbean)

Happy Station Show ñ 1500 to 1555 UT (Dxers Special)

Frequency: 9955 khz (beam North America/Caribbean)

Webstream: <http://www.wrmr.net>

The DX special will also air this Saturday August 15, 2009 from 1000 to 1055 UT Via World FM on 88.5fm Webstream: <http://www.worldfm.co.nz>  
If you have any questions about the upcoming shows feel free to contact me at any time. Regards, (Keith Perron, Taiwan, Aug 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NETHERLANDS [non]. HOLANDA ñ The Mighty - KBC ir· fazer testes em ondas curtas no seguinte esquema: nos s·bados, dias 20 e 27 de setembro e 4 de outubro, entre 1030 e 1059, no Tempo Universal, em 9770 kHz. As transmissies ser,,o para a Austr·lia e Nova Zel,ndia. A dica È do Sarmento Campos, do Rio de Janeiro (RJ). (CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX via DXLD) Via LITHUANIA, it may be worth noting

\*\* NIGER. Hi Glenn, a little bit for DXLD: 9705.0, Aug. 11, 1802-1845\* fair signal, local language with various speakers and little local music. Both would fit the Sahara region, also very likely some mentions of Mamadou Tandja, who acts as President of Niger. The expected follow-up to an unid log of sometime last week, blank carrier, about the same time, of course strong het with 9704.2 Ethiopia, other days 9705 seems to be absolutely clear from 1800. Niger last heard Dec. 08. 73 (Thorsten Hallmann, M·nster, Germany, <http://www.africalist.de.ms> (updated 5 Aug.).., Aug 11, WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NIGERIA. 917, R. Gotel, Yola, 2230-2242, 06 Aug, English, program announcements, light music, phone-ins; 33442, QRM de E 918 (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* NIGERIA. 15120, Nigeria put a new final stage TUBE in service. Now noted with superb modulation, not this shredded splatter audio.  
French service 7-8 UT, Aug 11. 73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* OKLAHOMA. KETA-DT13 empty subchannels

Glenn, do you know anything about KETA's empty subchannels, KETADT3 and KETADT4? They must be for some future programming.

These subchannels are not displayed or added to the channel lineup on the Zenith. The old RCA ATSC11 displays the empty channels (with a "No AV" on the screen in place of the "No Signal" sign) and adds them to its channel list. The Zenith does display the two usual subchannels.

I've been using the ATSC11 the last few days side-by-side with the Zenith. I was wondering how the ATSC11 would perform in the post-analog age. The worst problem with the ATSC11 for me was always its difficulty in decoding DTVs in the presence of analog cci. So far, the Zenith is beating the RCA in most decoding situations (faster decode, etc)...but not by much in some cases.

I think I'll buy one of those Digital Stream boxes from Radio Shack and give it a try (Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport, LA, WTFDA via DXLD)

Danny, Since I`m using Zenith, not even aware of them, tho I was wondering why some program listings show two more. There has been some discussion on local fora about why OETA apparently makes them available only on cable in OKC and Tulsa. See <http://www.oeta.tv/schedule.html> for listing of all 4, the extras being Create and Kids.

I just tried punching 13-3 and 13-4 and both of them default to 13-1, just like an imaginary 13-5 or I suppose ad infinitum.

Apparently OETA wants to keep the OTA bandwidth available for HD plus only one extra channel, OKLA. Or should there really be room for them anyway at lower SD? 73, (Glenn Hauser, Enid, Aug 11, ibid.)

\*\* PERU. The logs in 9-057 from Bob Wilkner which he dated July 7 should no doubt have been August 7 (gh, DXLD)

\*\* PHILIPPINES. 6170.40, PBS - Philippine Broadcasting Service (tentative) 1217-1229, August 9. Not sure what to call this. Is it the

relay of 1278 AM MW DWRM Radyo Magazin (or Magasin)? After numerous attempts at hearing this, finally heard some audio above threshold level with a woman talking, but too weak to ID language. Very nondescript, but definitely something here. Adjacent QRM from Suara Malaysia on 6175. Later at 1259, New Zealand on 6170.0 covers frequency. Heard from 1217 to 1259, August 10 with even better reception, with EZL ballads and sounded like the same woman announcer as the day before, in possibly Filipino (did not sound English) (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Live streaming of PBS R. Magasin-DZRM (not DWRM)

<http://www.pbs.gov.ph/dzrm/>

FB DX'ing and 73, S. Hasegawa, NDXC (via Ron Howard, DXLD)

Update of the station on 6170.40. Thanks go to Sei-ichi Hasegawa of Japan for providing the correct name of this station: PBS Radyo Magasin-DZRM. He gives their audio streaming at <http://www.pbs.gov.ph/dzrm/> The name sounds like iRadio Magazineî. On August 11 the reception conditions here had reverted to being poor and I could only hear an open carrier (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtÙn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* RUSSIA. Surprised to find no signal on 13775, the only frequency to NAm from VOR in English at 0530 August 11; it was on earlier in the hour, then at 0531+ cut back on just in time for Kaleidoscope (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ST. BRANDON ISLAND. 3B7: Ron, K5XK, updates OPDX that Rachid, 3B8FQ, will leave Mauritius by boat on Tuesday, August 11th, enroute for St. Brandon (AF-015). Rachid will operate solo as 3B7FQ from August 12th through the end of the month -- and possibly a few extra days in early September. Look for him on all bands, 30-10 meters, although Rachid expects 40 and 20 meters to be most productive. He will use both CW and SSB, as conditions allow. As in Rachid's earlier travels to 3B6 and 3B7, operating time will be shared with his primary mission of performing maintenance on the island's meteorological equipment. He expects to use the island's G5RV and a vertical with a 100 watt transceiver powered by a 12 volt battery that will be charged daily. Rachid likes to use "the 8s" whenever possible on CW. Here are his anticipated frequencies:

CW - 7008, 10108, 14008, 18078, 21008, 24898 and 28008 kHz

SSB - 7050, 14191, 18141, 21241, 24941 and 28491 kHz

If future plans come together, Rachid may operate from 3B9 sometime after his return and hopes to operate from 3B6 again in November. QSL via K5XK, direct preferred (Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 920, August 10, 2009, Editor Tedd Mirigliotta, KB8NW, Provided by BARF80.ORG

(Cleveland, Ohio), via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD)

\*\* SAUDI ARABIA. Saudis on 21 and 17 MHz booming in here at midnight local [10 UT]. That's why I love DXing. You just never know. Regards, (Brock Whaley, Oahu, Aug 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SERBIA. S...RVIA - O MinistÈrio da Cultura da SÈrvia e a R·dio Internacional daquele paÌs dos Balc,,s celebraram um contrato para manter as transmissies da emissora atÈ o final deste ano. A emissora continuar· transmitindo em 11 lÌnguas para o exterior via ondas curtas, alÈm de satÈlite e Internet. Vale lembrar que a SÈrvia È o que restou da antiga Iugosl·via. Os programas s,,o elaborados em Belgrado (CÈlio Romais, Panorama, @tividade DX via DXLD)

This version is certain that SW will continue until at least yearend. Why are other versions not so certain? (gh, DXLD)

\*\* SOMALIA. SOMALI GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES OFFICIAL WEBSITE | Text of report in English by website of official Chinese news agency Xinhua (New China News Agency)

Mogadishu, 9 August: A new website has been launched by the Somali government to promote and inform about its policies to the public and the world.

The site of the Transitional Federal Government (TFG) of Somalia, <http://www.tfgsomalia.com> represents the only media [sic] for the beleaguered government to propagate itself to its people and its partners around the world.

The site, slick and glossy as it is, still remains under construction with much of its links not yet operational. But Minister of Information Farhan Mahmud promises the site will soon improve.

The website "is still under constant improvement in terms of contents, context and design", said the minister in an email sent to the media.

The Somali government, which has been beset by persistent deadly insurgency since its establishment, does not have radio or television station or newspapers to compete with the dozen independent radio and televisions stations as well as newspapers in Mogadishu.

The opposition groups have their own sites where they propagate attacks on the Somali government forces and African Union peacekeepers as well as their ideology.

The official government site, available both in Somali and English, has sections about the president, the prime minister, the parliament

as well as latest news.

There are also links to the various government ministries along with a section on official government documents, such as the Transitional Federal Charter of the current government.

[When checked by BBCM at 1115 on 10 August, the URL "www.tfgsomalia.com" redirected to "www.tfgsomalia.net".] Source: Xinhua news agency website, Beijing, in English 9 Aug 09 (via BBCM via DXLD)

\*\* SOMALILAND. SOMALIA. 7145, R. Hargeisa, Hargeisa, Somaliland, 1713-1729, 07 Aug, Somali, talks; 35433 but very weak audio (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SOUTH AFRICA. RSA, 3380, BBC, Meyerton, 2147-2200\*, 06 Aug, continuous announcement in English "[ID]; there are no programmes on this channel at present; details of all our services at [webpage]"; 35332. 73, (Carlos GonÁlves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 13845, WWCR, Aug 11 at 1432 Brother Scare with double audio feed a second apart and furthermore breaking up badly, even more unlistenable than when perfectly transmitted. Same on WWRB 9385, so B.S.'s fault from the feed end. Is God getting him? Since the time is bought and paid for, do the stations not care whether there are such terrible technical problems beyond their control and just let it run anyway? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SPAIN. 17507 approximately, buzzy spur, no carrier, with Spanish modulation, Aug 11 at 1352, fading out and in, very poor. First frequency checked for possible //, REE 17595 turned out to be the source. Fundamental was VG and not distorted. Could not hear a match around 17683, 88 kHz on the other side, but did notice a quite weak signal from CHILE, q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* SPAIN. Re 9-057, New shared MW site of RNE/EITB --- This new site explains why I heard San Sebastian still on 1161 kHz after they activated 1476. They were using both frequencies in parallel for a couple of weeks (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, Aug 10, mwdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* SUDAN. 4750.00, \*0245-0300 05.08, R Peace, Nuba Mountains (tentative), English/Dinka talks, 15111. Weak carrier also heard on 01.08 at 0320 (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DXLD)

4739.97, R. Peace, \*0222, Aug 10 - threshold signal at s/on

with only occasional bits of audio. Very pronounced transmitter dawn enhancement, signal rapidly strengthening from 0325 UT with organ music, Radio Peace mention by woman in English just after 0330, talk by man and woman. Long monologue by male speaker in Arabic between 0340-0350 peak, and lasting until just before the top of the hour as signal rapidly faded. Minor CODAR throughout (Brandon Jordan - Memphis, TN, USA, <http://www.bcdx.org> Perseus SDR, Wellbrook ALA100, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST) So confirmed ex-4750 (gh)

Radio Peace, Sudan. 4740, Aug 11, 2009, 0320-0355. Moderate carrier with snippets of audio 'til about 0335, when really started peaking due to transmitter dawn enhancement. Religious talk alternating between African-accented English, and what sounded like Arabic. Strongest at around 0345 with religious organ music, then steadily fading thereafter. Thanx to Brandon Jordan for tip (J. D. Stephens, Hampton Cove, Alabama, USA, Drake R-8, Multi-band dipole, HCDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DXLD)

\*\* SWAZILAND. 3240.00, \*0253-0305 31.07, TWR, Mpangela Ranch. English ID's: " This is Trans World Radio, Swaziland" and IS, 0255 religious programme in Shona, 44333, occasional utility QRM (Anker Petersen, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire here in Skovlunde, Denmark, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

\*\* TAIWAN [and non]. 7129.88v, RTI. Seems the reception here at 1245 on August 9 was a one day event resulting from typhoon damage to one of their other sites (thanks to info from Sei-ichi Hasegawa). August 10 sounded like them on 11635, but didn't stay around to ID them at 1216, in Bahasa Indonesia. Not as strong a signal as yesterday. Sarawak FM now back in the clear on 7130.50 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, EtUn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ron, I don't know about 11635, but today August 10, RTI was still on 7130. At 1257 I found open carrier, a constant het, presumably with Malaysia, and at 1300 opening in Japanese with ``Kochirawa RTI...''. Despite ham SSB QRM. Then I checked 9735 and found it still missing (Glenn Hauser, OK, ibid.)

Thanks Glenn, Sounds like a different schedule than I heard yesterday. After I heard Sarawak FM today in the clear with a good signal at 1216, I frankly didn't recheck it again, as I was totally concentrating on the reception of the Philippines on 6170.40 (Ron Howard, Asilomar Beach, CA, ibid.)

I noted TAIWAN 7130 off this morning, so I guess it was just a one morning phenomenon! 2.5-6 MHz have had a lot of QRN BUZZ lately, so no PAPUA-NEW GUINEANS or INDONESIANS until I can get clear signals. The

5.04 INDIA and 5.05 CHINA just happen to be a QUIET section of the band. 73's de (Steve/AB5GP Wiseblood, Aug 10 via Ron Howard, *ibid.*)

Hi Steve, Thank you for your email. Appreciate your response. Maybe you can help Glenn and me out with some additional information about your reception on 7130 (August 10).

Combining Glenn's reception and mine, it looks as if perhaps Taiwan was off the air on 7130 during the Bahasa Indonesia segment (1200-1300), but RTI was on 7130 at 1300, in Japanese, as heard by Glenn today.

Your comment that I noted TAIWAN 7130 off this morning: what time period was that? Between 1200 to 1300 UT? Thank you for your assistance!! Best regards, (Ron to Steve, via DXLD)

YES, I woke up late this morning so only check was between 1200-1300z. Will try to check after 1100z tomorrow. So they may have been on before 1200z today, but I was unable to check at that time (Steven Wiseblood/AB5GP, *ibid.*)

From Sei-ichi Hasegawa (August 10):

Dear OM, Yesterday's 7130 kHz, the Indonesian service at 1200-1300 was not broadcasted. Only Japanese service at 0800, 1100 and 1300 was broadcasted. The Thai service of MW-1503 kHz seems to be canceled, too. I cannot receive late-night Family Radio service on same frequency. FB DX'ing and 73, S. Hasegawa, NDXC (via Ron Howard, DXLD)

7130, Aug 10 at 1257 open carrier with het, 1300 RTI ID ``Kochirawa, RTI`` opening in Japanese audible despite ham SSB QRM. This frequency temporarily replaces 9735, per S. Aoki and R. Howard. RTI's transmitter sites are diversified all over the island, so altho 9735 was put off by typhoon, 7130 backs it up from elsewhere. The het presumably from RTM Sarawak on 7130.5. Neither, of course, has any business still broadcasting in the exclusive 40m ham band! Also lo audible het vs Japanese noted next day Aug 11 at 1329 check. Ron pinned Taiwan on 7129.88v Aug 10 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7130, R. Taipei International: Strong at 1128z announcements by W in Japanese. 1130 mention of TAIWAN. The carrier was OFF between 1200-1250 allowing reception of SARAWAK [see MALAYSIA] until \*1250 O/C completely covered SARAWAK, 1300 back into Japanese, still fair-good by 1335 with woman in Japanese; 8/11/2009 (Steven C. Wiseblood, AB5GP, Brownsville TX, (2 miles from Boca Chica Beach, GULF of MEXICO), Radio Shack DX-399, 150' center fed LW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Betreff: Re: Taiwan resumes more hours on 7129.88v

Dear friends, this email about R. Taiwan on 7130v is for your information. Best wishes, yours, Uli, DJ9KR  
IARU MONITORING SYSTEM Region 1 Vice Coordinator  
Pse hit <http://www.iaru-r1.org/>

Dear Ron, I have received your mail via Wolf Bueschel DF5SX. He is a regular contributor to our system, the DARC MONITORING SYSTEM Intruder Watch. It is a branch of International Amateur Radio Union Monitoring System of Region 1. Thank you for your information.

Of course with great sorrow we have been watching the development in the "new" Amateur Radio range 7100 - 7200 kHz. Some of the BC-ers have already left the QRG; others are still staying there and causing a lot of interference to the Amateur Radio Service. I shud like to get more nus from you in the future, if possible.

For more about our Monitoring System pse hit <http://www.iaru-r1.org> and there "Monitoring System".

Best wishes from  
Ulrich Bihlmayer DJ9KR  
Coordinator of DARC-MS and  
Vice Coordinator of all Monitoring Systems (total 17) in Region 1 of  
IARU. Ham Radio Lis since 1964

Pse hit <http://www.qrz.com/dj9kr> or  
<http://www.iarums-r1.org> and there the "left" part in English language. The report for July 09 of our system you find when hitting <http://www.iarums-r1.org/iarums/news2009/news0907.pdf> (Ulrich, Aug 9)

Dear Ulrich, Greetings from foggy Monterey/Asilomar Beach, California, USA. Thank you so much for your email. I would be happy to occasionally pass on information to you about the activities in the 7100-7200 kHz range. I check there just about every day from about 1230 UT to 1430 UT.

I originally observed Sarawak FM correctly abandoning 7130.0 kHz back on March 31 (I did hear them on the 30th, their last day there), so was sorry when they returned again on July 19, this time on a frequency of 7130.50 kHz. Noted here from about 1230 UT to 1355 UT.

Of course 7130 has been completely covered starting at 1355 for some time now, with the sign-on of jamming by CNR-1 echo programming against Taiwan, but it is disappointing to find Taiwan has now added

more hours of programming, now on 7129.88v. Their signal is fairly powerful, as you may be able to hear from the attached audio file (MP3).

Thank you again for your email. Will be in contact from time to time.  
Best regards, Ron Howard, Monterey/Asilomar Beach, California, USA

Dear friends, pse listen to the .wav-file recording which I have just got from Ron Howard from Monterey/Asilomar Beach, California, USA. Excellent quality of Radio Taiwan on 7129.88 kHz, language is Bahasa Indonesia (Indonesian).

Dear Hani, habibi, do you think it would be possible to spread Ron's news abt Taiwan on the IARU-R1 Monitoring System homepage together with a button to the sound recording from Ron Howard. Hwsat?  
Best regards, yours, Uli, DJ9KR, IARU-MS Region 1 Vice Coordinator

Dear All, Please check the article related to the subject on  
<http://iaru-r1.org/>  
73 - (Hani, OD5TE, Raad, all via Uli, DJ9KR, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* TURKS & CAICOS [and non]. Re 9-057, RVC's longwire antenna: But Jerry, what's the point of any of this? If they are to be widely heard, they will need to find another frequency due to Radio Encyclopedia (Cuba) on 530. Plus, I don't want their useless spewing interfering with my lovely Enci music.

Also, FWIW, the long defunct Radio Cayman transmitter on 1205 was connected to a longwire on the roof of the studios, circa my visit in the early 1980's (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* UGANDA. (tentative) 4975.97, UBC, Kampala, \*0329, Aug 10 - good carrier level but very poor modulation. Threshold audio first heard a few minutes before 0352 sunrise at transmitter. Male speaker, too weak to identify language and faded by 0400 UT (Brandon Jordan - Memphis, TN, USA, <http://www.bcdx.org> Perseus SDR, Wellbrook ALA100, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U K [non]. Re 9-057, BBCWS frequencies: Try 9740 kHz from Singapore in the morning to 1600z. Fair to good signal here in AZ. Midwest I don't know. And 7310 0400-0600 from S. Africa. Outside of that I can't find anything either. I just go to the Internet. Can't fight it so have to live with it. Good luck (Gary W. Froemming, CTC, Certified Travel Counselor, Glendale, Arizona, USA, ptsw yg via DXLD)

Yes, I should have included the 7310 transmission I often hear (gh)

\*\* U S A [non?]. Exhibit R-2a, RDT&E Project Justification Date: MAY

2009

Appropriation/Budget Activity RDT&E BA # 7

SOF PSYOP/Project D476

Cost (\$ in millions)

FY08    FY09    FY10

6.563 15.512 9.887

RDT&E Articles Quantity

i The PSYOP Broadcast System consists of fixed and deployable multi-media production facilities for radio and television programming, distribution systems, and dissemination systems to provide PSYOP support to theater commanders. This program is comprised of several interfacing systems that can stand alone or interoperate with other PSYOP systems as determined by mission requirements. This program includes the fixed site media production center; a deployable theater media production center; a distribution system that provides a product distribution link to systems worldwide; a media system; a transit case fly-away broadcast systems that consists of any combination of amplitude modulation (AM), frequency modulation (FM), shortwave (SW), and television (TV) transmitters, and radio/TV production systems; and long range broadcast system. The long range broadcast system will include unmanned aerial vehicle payloads, scatterable media, telephony, and Internet broadcast.

PSYOP media displays will consist of easily transportable, state of the art, electronic media displays designed to disseminate and direct broadcast electronic messages, which will influence foreign target audiences, and will support the PSYOP direct broadcast mission requirements. The Special Operations Media System-B is a tactical deployable radio and television broadcast system. It is designed to act as the forward deployed broadcast platform of products. It has limited production capabilities and is made up of two independent systems: a mobile radio broadcast system (AM, FM, SW) and a mobile television broadcast system (VHF, UHF)) capable of receiving audio and video products for broadcasting.

FROM PAGE 257, United States Special Operations Command

Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 Budget Estimates. May 2009

Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Defense-Wide

[http://www.defenselink.mil/comptroller/defbudget/fy2010/budget\\_justification/pdfs/03\\_RDT\\_and\\_E/Vol\\_6\\_SOCOM/SOCOM\\_PB10\\_RDT&E.pdf](http://www.defenselink.mil/comptroller/defbudget/fy2010/budget_justification/pdfs/03_RDT_and_E/Vol_6_SOCOM/SOCOM_PB10_RDT&E.pdf)

The only mention of shortwave in the 263-page document is in the graf above, tho 'SW' also appears, as does 'short wave' in connexion with non-broadcast equipment (gh, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. HOW SMITH, MUNDT, AND A BUREAUCRAT PREVENTED VOA FROM PROVIDING A PUBLIC SERVICE

"Earlier this year, a community radio station in Minneapolis asked Voice of America (VOA) for permission to retransmit its news coverage on the increasingly volatile situation in Somalia. The VOA audio files it requested were freely available online without copyright or any licensing requirements. The radio station's intentions were simple enough: Producers hoped to offer an informative, Somali-language alternative to the terrorist propaganda that is streaming into Minneapolis, where the United States' largest Somali community resides. ... It all seemed straightforward enough until VOA turned down the request for the Somali-language programming. In the United States, airing a program produced by a U.S. public diplomacy radio or television station such as VOA is illegal." Matt Armstrong, Foreign Policy, 6 August 2009. ([kimandrewelliott.com](http://kimandrewelliott.com) via DXLD)

Matt has found a good example of the most harmful outcome of the Smith-Mundt domestic dissemination prohibition. There are immigrant communities in the United States that would appreciate news about their home countries in their first languages. VOA can provide such a public service, at -- this is the best part -- no extra cost to the US taxpayers.

Actually, per *Gartner v USIA* (1989) (see previous post), it is not illegal for any private US media unit to use VOA material. It is, however, illegal for VOA to spend money or effort disseminating its content in the United States, or to encourage such dissemination. A number of radio stations in the United States are using, or have used, VOA programs on a "don't ask, don't tell" basis. This includes WFED, Federal News Radio, 1500 kHz AM in Washington. The Raleigh Telegram frequently uses VOA news articles, most recently on 8 August.

The Minneapolis radio station made the mistake of asking. Ameliorative legislation would have to be cleverly worded, to allow VOA content to be used for such a domestic public service, but in a way that money intended for international broadcasting is not diverted to an intentional domestic information campaign.

By enforcing the domestic dissemination ban, VOA acceded to the presumption of Smith-Mundt that VOA is engaged in propaganda. If VOA were propaganda, people in Somalia wouldn't listen, and Somali-language radio programs in Minneapolis would not ask to retransmit its content. Another good reason to maintain distance between US international broadcasting and US public diplomacy. Posted: 11 Aug 2009 (Kim Andrew Elliott, *ibid.*)

\*\* U S A [and non]. VOA English, Greenville 17585, missing at 1400 Aug 11; maybe late coming on, or propagation just not built up yet, but it was OK at 1411 recheck. 1426 with baseball news --- does the mostly

AfroAsian audience really care about US BB, or is this secretly for expatriates? 1428 Today in History. This 2-minute feature always manages to cram in several significant events, this time Andrew Carnegie died, King Hussein crowned, Watts riots, Greenspan takes over Fed. But the last item was cut off at 1429:37, then sign-off routine with YDD, which lasted until 1430:25 open carrier and off at 1430:38. During the last few sex, but not before, I could hear traces of Botswana site, then clear after Greenville off, but too weak here.

We have been complaining for months about VOA interfering with itself, these two transmitters overlapping for many minutes before and after 1430. It appears IBB finally is making some effort to reduce the overlap, but not enough. They should forget about the unnecessary YDD sign-off, drop Greenville carrier immediately at 1430:00 or a few sex before if there is any pause at all in programming, and simultaneously crash-start Botswana with same programming, so that there is no overlap and hardly any break in transmission for the listeners in Africa. Is this not obvious? It requires a bit of co`rdination, but should not be such a difficult task. Better yet, rearrange the schedule so there is no site switch in the middle of the one-hour transmission, as that was totally uncalled for in the first place (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. Not an open and shut case Hi GLENN - 13845 just gets weirder and weirder. WWCR faded in this AM after local sunrise with "Bro. Scare". Heard again and again at subsequent rechecks. Then, at 1635, another preacher I didn't recognize.

At 1658, Stair was cut off mid-sentence and a male announcer for the Overcomer Ministry giving sked details. He said Brother Stair would be on from 1200 to 1700 UT. As the seconds ticked to 1700, Dr. Gene was cut-in "in progress".

Okay, looked like an open and shut case. It's Stair for the first 5 hours, then Dr. Gene. But wait! At 1706, when Dr. Gene went into the "send me money" music, Brother Stair came back on! He is still on at this posting at 1722. Regards, (Rick Barton, Arizona, Aug 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Perhaps the two ministries are involved in a bidding war for access to this valuable facility, the winner shifting minute to minute (gh, DXLD) see also SOUTH CAROLINA [non]

HI GLENN - I got interrupted a bit today; the crucial thing is that the frequency be monitored non-stop, which for many of us is a chore, ifyaknowwhudda mean --- ;>/

Had 13845 on at 1755 with Bro. Stair, announcements and choral music

at TOH. Bro Stair went right on thru 1800 with conspiracy talk about childhood vaccinations. Of course I assumed that if Stair was on at TOH and beyond (to 1805), he would be on up to 1900.

But recheck of frequency had Pastor Melissa Scott on at 1854, with "show me the money" music at TOH and Dr. Gene after 1900. (I can't remember a new schedule that was THIS difficult to follow). 73, (Rick Barton, Cave Creek, Arizona, mobile with Sangean ATS-803A, New-Tronics 1C-100 (S) roofmount antenna, Aug 11, WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. 10475 WWCR spur --- While scanning the band, I ran into a weak AM signal on 10475. Listening for a few minutes made it clear this was one of the US religious broadcasters; however there were two audio streams on 10475. Checking the frequencies of the various US religious broadcasters solves the puzzle: 10475 is a mixing product of 13845 and 12160 kHz, with audio from the program on 15825 thrown in. If there is another spur on 15530, it got covered up by Radio France in Portuguese. Heard on August 10 2009 from 1648 UT onward (Rik van Riel, NH, Aug 10, harmonics yg via DXLD)

I.e., leapfrog of 13845 over 12160, another 1685 kHz below. If 15825 was one of the audios, which was the other on 10475? (gh, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. 3150 = 1050 x 3 WEPN --- I've heard the harmonic on 3150 for a few days now, but only yesterday morning have I gotten a clear enough signal to identify it. Turns out it is parallel to WEPN (ESPN Radio) from NYC, on 1050 kHz.

What is it with these NYC stations that makes harmonic suppression hard? Are they sharing an antenna? Are they too close to each other? Did they rip out any filters for IBOC? (Rik van Riel, NH, Aug 10, harmonics yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DXLD)

\*\* U S A. WRMI DX programs resume --- It seems the infomercials have run out on WRMI, so a number of DX programs have resumed previous times, especially M-F 1430-1500 UT. This is when 9955 is on the NW antenna, puts a good signal into CNAm, and is usually free of jamming. The 1430-1600 period is now scheduled as of August 8:

Mon  
1430 Studio DX (Italian)  
1500 DX Partyline  
1515 Aventura DX  
1530 Wavescan

Tue  
1430 Frecuencia al Dia

1500 DX Partyline  
1515 CDHD Brigade (English)  
1530 WORLD OF RADIO

Wed

1430 DX Partyline  
1445 Aventura DX  
1500 Jack Van Impe (relig.)  
1530 WORLD OF RADIO

Thu

1430 Wavescan  
1500 Happy Station

Fri

1430 WORLD OF RADIO [new]  
1500 World Baseball Today  
1515 DX Partyline  
1530 Wavescan

Also part of the weekend sked:

Sat

1500 DX Partyline

Sun

1515 WORLD OF RADIO

The full spreadsheet of WRMI's schedule (in UT -4 = EDT) is uploaded to the dxldyg files as WRMI090811 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* U S A. BLOGGER ACCUSED OF THREATENING JUDGES DENIED BOND  
Associated Press Published: 8/11/2009 12:00 AM

A blogger who once kept tabs on extremist groups as a paid informant for the FBI was ordered held without bail Monday while awaiting trial on charges that he threatened the lives of three federal judges. Hal Turner, 47, of North Bergen, N.J., represents too great a danger to the community to be freed from custody, U.S. Magistrate Judge Martin C. Ashman said. . .

<http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=312964&src=143>  
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD) also a former SW broadcaster, they never say (gh)

\*\* U S A. WBCN AND "THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION"  
HuffingtonPost By Bill Lichtenstein August 11, 2009  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/bill-lichtenstein/wbcn-and-the-american-rev\\_b\\_245147.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/bill-lichtenstein/wbcn-and-the-american-rev_b_245147.html)

Bill Lichtenstein's award-winning work as a print and broadcast journalist and documentary producer spans more than 35 years, and has been honored with more than 60 major journalism awards.

July 14, CBS, current owners of the legendary FM rock station WBCN-FM in Boston, announced they would be closing the station effective August 13, to make room for the city's second "sports talk" radio outlet. The demise of the "Rock of Boston," as WBCN is known, including the retirement of its call letters, quickly became the talk of Boston. And it's not hard to understand why.

Since March 1968, WBCN has been a major artery for relevant music, culture and politics for generations of listeners in Boston. The press coverage surrounding the station's closing has focused on WBCN's impressive role in breaking four decades of bands, including the Who, Aerosmith, J. Geils, and U2, among others. However, it was arguably during WBCN's early days, from 1968 to 1975, as one of the nation's first "free-form progressive rock" radio stations, that WBCN had its greatest impact in Boston and nationally, as it both chronicled and helped promote the great social, cultural and political upheavals of that era.

I worked at WBCN starting in 1970, at the age of 14, first as an intern, and soon after covering news and hosting my own weekly show. With the recent announcement of the station's closing, I reflected on the station's early days, and its legacy, in an Op-Ed article in the Boston Globe.

It began: "The year was 1968. Young Americans were dying in an unpopular war halfway around the world. Protesters were battling police on campuses and in the streets throughout the country. A national upheaval was underway involving the anti-war, civil rights, feminist, and gay and lesbian movements. These revolutions would forever transform the nation socially, culturally, and politically. But you would never know it from listening to the radio, where fast-talking DJs played ads for acne cream along with Top 40 pop ballads like Frank and Nancy Sinatra's "Something Stupid."

And then came WBCN-FM.

The radio station, which billed itself as "The American Revolution," was the vision of a young, hip entrepreneur named Ray Riepen, who simultaneously created the "alternative" newspaper The Boston Phoenix and the legendary rock club the Boston Tea Party. WBCN began broadcasting from the back room of the Boston Tea Party on March 15, 1968. From the moment it hit the air, the station helped define, as well as promote, popular culture and politics in Boston for the

'60s/boomer generation in a way that nothing had before. And its impact quickly spilled over nationally.

Since Tuesday's announcement that WBCN's owner, CBS, will take the station off the air in August, its role in launching music careers, including The Who, The J. Geils Band, Aerosmith, and U2, has been widely cited. But WBCN was more than a cultural innovator. It was a social and political force as well, particularly from 1968 to 1975, when, long before Facebook or MySpace, the station served as the social medium that connected a generation in Boston . . ."

The closing of WBCN-FM comes at a time when there is a growing disconnection between the general public, and community and national media, as well as a fading of the belief that one reporter, or one newspaper, or one community radio station, can make a difference. To help today's young people understand the power of media to create social change, a new documentary film, *The American Revolution*, is being produced. It will examine WBCN, from 1968 through 1975, and the social, cultural and political impact the station had. My company is producing the film, and as part of its creation, we are collecting personal recollections from that era, as well as archival material, including audio, photographs, and memorabilia, both from WBCN as well as that era generally. You can see more about the documentary, and how to share your recollections and material, at the film's web site at [WBCNthefilm.com](http://WBCNthefilm.com)

It is ironic that for the final four days of WBCN, CBS relaxed its programming rules, so that, for the first time in decades, announcers could play or discuss whatever they wanted on-air. I was driving around Cambridge yesterday, listening to WBCN, which sounded as good as it ever had. There was the live version of Jimi Hendrix's "Band of Gypsies" (with the five-minute guitar solo); unreleased live U2 performances; the Ramones; tapes of unsigned local bands; a discussion about Timothy Leary's lasting impact on popular culture; and even some dead air. It may be going away, but for one last weekend, WBCN was back. And it was good (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Thanks, Mike, for sharing this. Here are some tech data on upcoming changes as reported by Wikipedia:

#### WBCN Bids Fairwell to Analog Radio

On July 14, 2009, CBS Radio announced that WBCN would actually sign off the 104.1 FM frequency. On August 13, 2009 Mix 98.5 will move to 104.1 FM and be renamed "Mix 104". This will make room for an all-sports talk format at the 98.5 frequency. The station will be known as 98.5 The Sports Hub WBZ-FM. WBCN's Toucher and Rich morning show will move to WBZ-FM.[5]

## WBCN Lives On

On August 13, 2009 WBCN will broadcast at the 98.5 HD-2 frequency and as an internet station. The substations at the 104.1 frequency will change as well. WBMX's substations will move from 98.5 to 104.1 with "Mix". "Indie 104.1", 104.1 HD-3, will completely sign off; however, "Free Form 104", 104.1 HD-2, will move WZLX 100.7 HD-3 and be renamed "Free Form BCN". Free Form BCN will continue to broadcast past events from WBCN's archives as Free Form 104 currently does.

Other than Toucher and Rich, it is still unknown what will happen with WBCN's on air personalities, although afternoon jock Hardy has confirmed he will have a weekend spot on WBZ-FM.

More on the station at: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WBCN>  
(Sergei S., *ibid.*)

## \*\* UZBEKISTAN [non]. UZBEKS PROTEST CENSORSHIP AT RFE/RL WITH A HUNGER STRIKE

Uzbek opposition leaders protest against the policy of Radio Liberty

On August 10, 2009 the Birdamlik movement activists started open-ended [indefinite] hunger strike in front of Radio Liberty headquarters in Washington, DC with the demand to abolish the censorship at Uzbek Service of Radio Liberty (Radio Ozodlik) and offer its air time for all leaders of Uzbek political opposition, residing both in Uzbekistan and abroad.

Near the headquarters of radio station there were 18 participants, holding the posters. They also set up tents in order to continue the hunger strike until the management of Radio Liberty satisfies their requirements.

"The employees of Uzbek news service of Radio Ozodlik [Uzbek service of Radio Liberty) say nothing about the activities of opposition leaders outside the country while news from Uzbekistan is always strictly censored. We also demand to offer the air time to all the opposition members, committed to the idea of non-use of force in process of dictator Karimov,Äôs resignation. Otherwise, open-ended hunger strike will be continued", Bakhodir Choriev, the leader of the Birdamlik movement, informed Ferghana.Ru from Washington, DC.

According to Mr. Choroev, Martins Zvaners, the public relations deputy director of Radio Liberty, met the protesters. He promised that the protesters will be offered air time for an interview where they can voice out their demands in the extended format and answer questions raised by the management of radio station and listeners. Nevertheless,

nobody showed up by last night.

The hunger strike participants are going to continue their open-ended strike. It was also announced that the oldest participant ,Ä" 73-year old human rights activist Yadgar (Yedgor) Turlibekov ,Ä" got sick and his further participation in the strike is under the question.

Uzbek opposition members in Prague and Stockholm are also planning to join the protesters. The total number of open-ended hunger strike participants in three countries will reach about 50 people. The demonstration in Europe will begin at 10am, local time (12pm Moscow time). 11.08.2009 14:48 msk Ferghana.Ru

For pictures from the protest go to:

<http://enews.ferghana.ru/news.php?id=1314&mode=snews>  
(via Sergei S., Russia, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DXLD)

Very interesting, and wonder how much coverage RFE/RL/VOA are giving this. But why is Scientology sponsoring Ferghana?? (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DXLD)

\*\* VENEZUELA. 860, Radio Mundial, San Cristobal, Venezuela, 0605- , seÙal regular, slogan "Donde quiera que estÈs --- Radio Mundial, est. para servirle a usted". 10 agosto 2009 (Yimber GavirÌa, Cali, Colombia, Receptor SRF-M37 para onda media, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* VENEZUELA. ORDENAN CIERRE DE 34 RADIODIFUSORAS EN VENEZUELA  
S·bado 1 de Agosto de 2009 | 13:40

El gobierno venezolano acordÛ el cierre de 34 radiodifusoras a las que le retirÛ la concesiÛn por incumplir la normativa, informÛ el viernes el ministro del sector. . .

<http://www.ntrzacatecas.com/noticias/mundo/2009/08/01/ordenan-cierre-de-34-radiodifusoras-en-venezuela/>  
(Gabriel RodrÌguez PiÙa/ntrzacatecas.com via Ana Cristina MartÌnez O., Aug 10, Club Diexista MÈxico via Roger Chambers, DXLD)

DIEZ MIL 500 EMPLEOS EN RIESGO ANTE POSIBLE CIERRE DE 240 EMISORAS DE RADIO

Caracas, agosto 10 (REDACTA).- Si el Gobierno cierra 240 emisoras de radio se perder·n aproximadamente 7 mil 200 empleos directos, 2 mil 400 indirectos y 980 productores nacionales independientes quedar·n sin trabajo.

Trabajadores de la radio, este lunes en rueda de prensa anunciaron la creaciÛn de la asociaciÛn Somos Radio, que busca denunciar y detener el cierre masivo de radioemisoras en el paÙs, por parte del Gobierno

Nacional, a través de Conatel.

La periodista de Hot 94.1 FM e integrante de Somos Radio, Maricarmen Cervelli, explicó que la asociación está conformada por jóvenes productores, locutores y operadores de radio cuyo objetivo es mancomunar acciones e ideas para frenar el cierre masivo de más estaciones.

«Nuestra asociación no posee carácter político. No pretendemos convertir esta asociación en un grupo de oposición al Gobierno», expresaron en un comunicado oficial leído por Cervelli.

Destacaron que la medida de cierre no está apegada a la legalidad, pues muchos medios entregaron los documentos solicitados por Conatel y no obtuvieron respuesta oportuna sobre las concesiones, lo que, violaría lo dispuesto en el artículo 51 de la Constitución Nacional.

«Los venezolanos rechazamos categóricamente el abuso de poder y las medidas autoritarias que atentan contra la pluralidad, la tolerancia y la diversidad de ideas. Apoyamos la existencia de radios comunitarias, su existencia no debería en ningún modo cerrar espacios a las radios ya existentes», consideran.

«Ministro, abra más emisoras para que la gente pueda tener más opciones y espacios, eso sí es vivir en democracia. Nuestra lucha será imparable, no descansaremos hasta que nuestros oyentes reconozcan que hay graves problemas en la sociedad venezolana que debemos resolver, pero solos no podemos», exhortó Cervelli. (RM)

Fuente:

[http://www.el-carabobeno.com/p\\_pag\\_not.aspx?art=a110809e08&id=t110809-e08](http://www.el-carabobeno.com/p_pag_not.aspx?art=a110809e08&id=t110809-e08)  
(vía Yimber Gaviria, Noticias de la Radio, DXLD)

\*\* WESTERN SAHARA [non]. CLANDESTINE, 1550, Polisario Front, Rabouni, ALGERIA, 1704-2306, 07 Aug, Arabic, prayer, folk songs, news, interviews, Castilian program at 2300; 55444; \\ 6300 simply not as reliable propagation wise as 1550 (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 6300 not heard lately here either 0600+ (gh, DXLD)

\*\* ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA, 11735, R. Tanzania, Dole, Zanzibar, 1946-2007, 06 Aug, Swahili, Arabic songs, announcements at 2000; 44433, QRM de B. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ZIMBABWE. 4828, Voice of Zimbabwe, Guinea-fowl, 2107-, 08 Aug, empty carrier; 35231 (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

(tentative) 4828, Voice of Zimbabwe, Gweru, 0400, Aug 10 - threshold signal, improving only slightly by 0428 transmitter sunrise. African

pop music, male speaker. Poor with minor CODAR (Brandon Jordan - Memphis, TN, USA, <http://www.bcdx.org> Perseus SDR, Wellbrook ALA100, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

\*\* ZIMBABWE. The logs in 9-057 from Bob Wilkner which he dated July 7 should no doubt have been August 7 (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 9-057, 5955: Nothing heard Saturday or Sunday on spot checks between 1400 and 2200Z. I will give it another check late afternoon today, August 10. I wonder if this could have been REE, Costa Rica or even RHC doing a one-off equipment test instead (Terry Krueger, FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Doubt it; need a frequency measurement. ELCOR last year was on about 5954.1, and wasn't music by Man· a favorite then? (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7880-7930, rapid pulses, pitch varying slightly, presumably OTH radar, most likely from China at this hour, 1325 UT August 11 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11735, Aug 11 at 0527 open carrier, poor signal, then tone test. What programming would come on at 0530? None, still TT, and at 0541. Nothing at all listed at this hour in Aoki, EiBi, HFCC or WRTH. Meanwhile, NZ 11725, NHK 11715 had good signals, but not RHC 11760 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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WORLD OF TELEPHONY

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NO MORE WORLD OF RADIO BY TELEPHONE

Hi Glenn, On your schedule page you have a Laserbox voice mail number for World Of Radio access by telephone as supplied by Joybubbles from the Twin Cities on a 206 number.

Sadly, Joybubbles died a while back, and that voice mail number is no longer in service. Since Joybubbles was better known in the blind community than in the DX community, I thought it likely that word hadn't reached you.

You probably know that under his former name, Joe Engrecia (sp?), he was noted for using his perfect pitch to whistle the phone network's signal to disconnect calls so that a call placed to an 800 number could be replaced with a toll call without registering as such in billing records. (1970's technology replaced those old-fashioned tone signals). He'd eventually use his skills in work for the phone company (Rick Lewis, Aug 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

THE END IS NEAR FOR CELLULAR CIRCUIT VOICE CODECS, VOIP WILL REIGN  
<http://www.cellular-news.com/story/39060.php>

### Mobile VoIP Is Paving the Way for All-IP Mobile Services

\*Mobile voice over IP (VoIP) has made undeniable progress toward becoming a mainstream technology, and its adoption by cellular network operators will be an important step in the mobile industry's evolution to all-IP technologies and services, according to the latest report from Unstrung Insider.

"Mobile VoIP is no longer just a cheap telephone call," notes John Blau, research analyst with Unstrung Insider and author of the report. "The big advantage of VoIP is its ability to integrate with other systems and stimulate further adoption."

Mobile VoIP represents a promising and natural step forward in the continued evolution of mobile networks, and operators will need to come to grips with these changes, according to Blau. "Although many mobile operators continue to block VoIP calls to protect their voice revenues, that strategy will not be sustainable," he says. "Sooner or later, mobile operators will be forced to deploy their own VoIP services, since next-generation networks such as Long Term Evolution (LTE) and WiMax are all-IP and do not support circuit voice."

Key findings of Mobile VoIP: A Disruptive Service Goes Mainstream include:

Many mobile VoIP players are broadening into other applications, integrating with other systems, and stimulating further adoption. New services such as voice-enhanced IM, voice mashups, and voice plugins are being used to build communities. Operator resistance to mobile VoIP is gradually softening worldwide, as major incumbents such as T-Mobile drop their bans. New Flash technology enabling peer-to-peer voice capability without requiring plugins or soft clients could be a game-changer. Venture capitalists remain interested in disruptive mobile VoIP technology, which they view as still in its early days of development. Security is an ever-present issue in wireless markets, but the WPA2 standard provides robust security.

Posted to the site on 11th August 2009 (via Dick Pache, DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING DRM: see BRAZIL; CHINA [both mentioned as QRM]  
+++++ DTV: see OKLAHOMA

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS

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## POWER LINE ADAPTORS - RSGB COMPLAINS TO OFCOM

The Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) has written a formal letter of complaint to the UK regulator OFCOM regarding Power Line Adaptors (PLA). Read the RSGB letter here (pdf file)  
[http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2009/images/  
09%2007%2031%20Letter%20to%20RTB.pdf](http://www.southgatearc.org/news/august2009/images/09%2007%2031%20Letter%20to%20RTB.pdf)  
(Southgate via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

## PROPAGATION

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:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
:Issued: 2009 Aug 11 1921 UTC
# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction
Center
# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
# http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html
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#           Weekly Highlights and Forecasts
#
Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 03 - 09 August 2009
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Solar activity was very low. No flares were observed. The visible disk was spotless. No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at normal background levels.

The geomagnetic field was initially unsettled early on 3 August but decreased to quiet levels by mid-day. Conditions remained quiet until 0600-1500 UTC on 5 August when there was an increase to unsettled levels. Conditions returned to quiet levels for the remainder of 5 August, but then increased to unsettled to active levels between 0000-0900 UTC on 6 August, followed by quiet to unsettled levels from 0900-1800 UTC. Predominately quiet levels followed until 2100-2359 UTC on 7 August when there was an increase to unsettled levels. Quiet levels followed until 0600-1500 UTC on 9 August when there was another increase to generally unsettled levels with active to minor storm periods at high latitudes.

Observations from the ACE spacecraft showed that the increase early on 3 August was due to an extended negative Bz interval (minimum value of -6.5 nT at 02/2115 UTC) which was associated with a solar sector boundary crossing. The activity increases on 5 and 6 August appeared to be associated with the onset of a co-rotating interaction region (CIR) which was followed by a high speed stream from a negative polarity coronal hole. During the initial part of the CIR there was an

extended negative Bz interval (minimum value of -4.9 nT at 05/0744 UTC), followed by a northward turning of Bz and strengthening of Bt (peak value 13.0 nT at 05/2130 UTC), followed by another southward Bz interval (minimum value of about -13.5 nT 06/0514 UTC). The solar wind velocity observed during the high speed stream reached maximum values around 535 km/s at 06/1123 UTC. After a gradual decline in solar wind velocity there was another density and magnetic field enhancement late on 7 August (Bz minimum of about -4.2 nT at 07/1936 UTC) followed by a second increase in solar wind speed (peak of 533 km/s 08/0615 UTC) which caused the geomagnetic activity increase that occurred at that time. A similar structure was seen again early on 9 August with an extended interval from 0200-1040 UTC of negative Bz values (minimum of -4.4 nT at 09/0300 UTC) and solar wind velocity reaching 481 km/s at 09/1120 UTC.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 12 AUGUST - 07 SEPTEMBER 2009

Solar activity is expected to be very low. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at high levels during 21 - 22 August. Normal to moderate flux levels are expected during the rest of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be quiet from 12 - 17 August. Activity is expected to increase to active levels on 18 August with a chance for minor storm levels due to a recurrent CH HSS. Activity is expected to decrease to unsettled levels on 19-21 August as the CH HSS subsides. Mostly quiet conditions are expected for 22 August - 07 September with the exception of 30 August and 02-03 September when recurrent effects are expected to increase activity to unsettled levels.

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:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27D0.txt
:Issued: 2009 Aug 11 1921 UTC
# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center
# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web
# http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html
#
#      27-day Space Weather Outlook Table
#      Issued 2009 Aug 11
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#      UTC      Radio Flux    Planetary    Largest
#      Date      10.7 cm      A Index      Kp Index
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2009 Aug 13      67          5            2
2009 Aug 14      67          5            2
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| 2009 Sep 07 | 68 | 5  | 2 |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1473, DXLD) #/#